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SUBJECT: WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING - REVISED WALTERS
TEXT FOR COMMUNIQUE

REF: ROME 9751

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE HATHWAY AND FERCH

1. USG CANNOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT PARAS 18 AND 19 OF
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PROPOSED REVISED TEXT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HATHWAY
MAY WISH TO USE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN HIS
DISCUSSION OF THIS TEXT WITH WALTERS.

2. USG CAN REPEAT CAN PLEDGE ITSELF TO SEEK TO IMPROVE
MARKET ACCESS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THROUGH THE MTN.
HOWEVER, SINCE THE MTN IS DIRECTED AT ALL TRADE BARRIERS,

NOT JUST PROBLEMS OF FOOD TRADE, AND SINCE SIGNIFICANT
US LIBERALIZING ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN ONLY IN THE CONTEXT
OF NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO IMPROVED ACCESS FOR US EXPORTS,
WE CANNOT MAKE UNQUALIFIED COMMITMENTS FOR LDC ACCESS.

3. IN THE TOKYO DECLARATION LAUNCHING THE MTN, DEVELOPED
COUNTRIES DID REPEAT DID COMMIT THEMSELVES TO PROVIDE
VIA THE MTN "ADDITIONAL BENEFITS" TO LDC TRADE. WE BELIEVE
THE PRINCIPAL MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS ? GENERAL

LIBERALIZATION ON AN MFN BASIS. AS A COMPLEMENT TO THIS,
AND RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL TRADE PROBLEMS OF LDC'S,
THE MINISTERS AT TOKYO AGREED TO SEEK TO APPLY
DIFFERENTIAL MEASURES TO LDC'S "IN AREAS OF THE NEGO-
TIATION WHERE THIS IS FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE." THIS
LAST PHRASE UNDERLINES THAT DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR
LDC'S IS NOT REPEAT NOT POSSIBLE IN EVERY AREA AND
PROBABLY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT EVEN BE BENEFICIAL
TO LDC TRADE IN SOME AREAS.

4. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO USE WALTERS TEXT AS
BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION, USG COULD ACCEPT IT IF AMENDED
AS FOLLOWS.

A) "THAT ALL COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES,
EXPLORE MEANS TO ADJUST THEIR
POLICIES TO LIBERALIZE AND EXPAND WORLD FOOD TRADE,
THEREBY FACILITATING INCREASED FOOD PRODUCTION IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, STIMULATING AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS
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FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND INCREASING THEIR ACCESS
TO AND STABILITY OF FOOD IMPORTS."

B) "THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE UNCTAD INTEGRATED
PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES BE PURSUED, WITH PARTICULAR
REFERENCE TO FOODSTUFFS, AND THAT COUNTRIES PARTICIPATING
IN THE CURRENT GATT MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS
REINFORCE THEIR EFFORTS TO PROVIDE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,
IN THE CONTEXT OF A PROGRESSIVE LIBERALIZATION OF
TRADE, INCREASED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACCESS TO DEVELOPED
COUNTRY FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL MARKETS AND AN IMPROVED
FRAMEWORK FOR THE CONDUCT OF TRADE. THIS FRAMEWORK
WOULD, WHERE FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE, PROVIDE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SPECIAL AND MORE FAVORABLE
TREATMENT AND SHOULD MINIMIZE EXPORT AND IMPORT
RESTRICTIONS, INCLUDING PARTICULARLY THOSE WHICH
ADVERSELY AFFECT DEVELOPING COUNTRY FOOD SUPPLIES OR
FOOD EXPORTS. CHRISTOPHER

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